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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Phase PCT Application of

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International Appln. No.: PCT/FR2004/000870

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For: Crosslinking of Low-Molecular Weight and  
High-Molecular Weight Polysaccharides;  
Preparation of Injectable Monophase Hydrogels;  
Polysaccharides and Hydrogels Obtained

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend  
the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an  
attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.